GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

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TOBACCO CROP HOLIDAY IN KARNATAKA
KINJARAPU YERRANNAIDU

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Karnataka is reluctant to the proposal of tobacco crop holiday for 2000-2001 in the State;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) the tobacco crop size allowed for cultivation to the Karnataka; and

(d) the steps taken to dispose off the unsold tobacco lying with the tobacco traders?

Answer

MINISTER OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The successful marketing of the Karnataka Tobacco crop has negated the demand for a crop holiday.

(c) FCV tobacco crop size fixed for 2000-2001 Karnataka season is 25 M.Kgs.

(d) A delegation visited Libya, Jordan, Egypt and Algeria in February, 2000 to promote Indian tobacco exports.Another Indian tobacco trade delegation including STC representatives visited Russia to explore opportunities for tobacco export.Further, a delegation will be visiting countries like China, Vietnam, South Korea and Taiwan to find new market for export of tobacco.